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Applicant(s) : Schmotzer et al.
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For : FEMORAL SLIDEWAY
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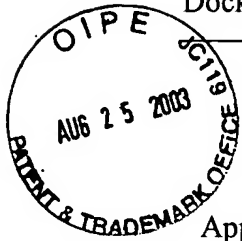
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Dear Sir:

Enclosed for filing in the above-identified application are:

- (X) An Information Disclosure Statement.
- (X) A PTO Form 1449 with 15 references.
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Enclosed is form PTO-1449 listing 15 references. References 1 through 13 are of record in related Application Serial No. 09/517,674 filed March 2, 2000. Therefore, copies of these references are not enclosed. References 14 through 15 are enclosed.


This Information Disclosure Statement is being filed within three months of the filing date of this application and no fee is required in accordance with 37 C.F.R. § 1.97(b)(1), (b)(2), or (b)(4).

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	12	DE 40 41 920 C2	6/27/91	Germany				
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